

ITEM 413



FLOWABLE BACKFILL

This Item shall govern for the furnishing, mixing, testing and installation of Flowable Backfill. Flowable Backfill is a low strength concrete material suitable as a backfill for utility trenches, abandoned pipes, manholes and valves. It is a heavy material and will exert a high fluid pressure against any forms, embankment, or wall used to contain the backfill.

MATERIALS:

Cement. The Contractor shall furnish cement conforming to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Material Specification DMS-4600, "Hydraulic Cement."

Fly Ash. The Contractor shall furnish fly ash conforming to TxDOT Specification DMS-4610, "Fly Ash."

Chemical Admixtures. The Contractor shall furnish chemical admixtures conforming to TxDOT Specification DMS-4640, "Chemical Admixtures for Concrete."

Fine Aggregate. The Contractor shall provide fine aggregate that will stay in suspension in the mortar to the extent required for proper flow and that meets the gradation requirements of Table 1.

Table 1
Aggregate Gradation Chart

Sieve Size	Percent Passing
3/4 in.	100
No. 200	0-30

Test fine aggregate gradation in accordance with Tex-401-A. Plasticity Index (PI) must not exceed 6 when tested in accordance with Tex-106-A.

Mixing Water. The Contractor shall use mixing water conforming to the requirements of TxDOT Standard Specification Item 421, "Hydraulic Cement Concrete."

CONSTRUCTION:

Contractor shall submit a construction method and plan, including mix design and shrinkage

characteristics of the mix, for approval. Provide a means of filling the entire void area, and be able to demonstrate that this has been accomplished. Prevent the movement of any inserted structure from its designated location. If voids are found in the fill or if any of the requirements are not met as shown on the plans, remove and replace or correct the problem without additional cost to the City.

Unless otherwise shown on the plans, furnish a mix meeting the requirements of the following Sections, "Strength" and "Consistency."

Strength. The 28-day compressive strength range, when tested in accordance with Tex-418-A, must be between 80 psi and 150 psi unless otherwise directed. Two specimens are required for a strength test, and the compressive strength is defined as the average of the breaking strength of the 2 cylinders.

Consistency. Design the mix to be placed without consolidation and to fill all intended voids. Fill an open-ended, 3-in.-diameter-by-6-in.-high cylinder to the top to test the consistency. Immediately pull the cylinder straight up. The correct consistency of the mix must produce a minimum 8-in.-diameter circular spread with no segregation.

When necessary, use specialty type admixtures to enhance the flowability, reduce shrinkage, and reduce segregation by maintaining solids in suspension. All admixtures must be used and proportioned in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

Mix the flowable fill using a central-mixed concrete plant, ready-mix concrete truck, pug

mill, or other approved method.

The Contractor shall furnish all labor, equipment, tools, containers, and molds required for sampling, making, transporting, curing, removal, and disposal of test specimens. Furnish test molds meeting the requirements of Tex-447-A. Transport, strip, and cure the test specimens as scheduled at the designated location. Cure test specimens in accordance with Tex-447-A. The Engineer will sample, make, and test all specimens. Dispose of used, broken specimens in an approved location and manner. The frequency of job control testing will be at the direction of the Engineer.

MEASUREMENT:

Flowable Backfill will be measured by the cubic

yard [cubic meter] of material placed. Measurement will not include additional volume caused by slips, slides, or cave-ins resulting from the Contractor's operations.

PAYMENT:

The work performed and materials furnished in accordance with this Item and measured as provided under "Measurement" will be paid for at the unit price bid for "Flowable Backfill." This price is full compensation for furnishing, hauling, and placing materials and for equipment, tools, labor, and incidentals.

BID ITEM:

Item 413: Flowable Backfill per cubic yard
[cubic meter].